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CINCLANT AND CINCUSNAVEUR FOR POLADS

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1. MALAGASY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL RAMANANTSOA HAS
HANDED OVER FULL POWERS AS CHIEF OF STATE AND CHIEF OF
GOVERNMENT TO COLONEL RICHARD RATSIMANDRAVA, MINISTER OF
INTERIOR IN PRECEDING GOVERNMENT AND COMMANDER OF
GENDARMERIE.

2. NEW GOVERNMENT TALLING 16 MINISTERS (INCLUDING
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RATSIMANDRAVA) CONSISTS OF 13 COTIERS AND 3 MERINA,

8 OFFICERS OF SECURITY FORCES AND 8 CIVILIANS. ONLY
THREE MINISTERS RETAINED FROM PRECEDING GOVERNMENT:
BRIG. GENERAL GILLES ANDRIAMAHAZO WHO BECOMES MINISTER
OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO; LT. COLONEL JOEL RAKOTOMALALA
WHO SWITCHES FROM INFORMATION TO NEW MINISTRY OF POSTS
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS; AND DANIEL RAJAKOBA WHO REMAINS
AS MINISTER OF CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR.

3. RATSIMANDRAVA BRIEFLY DESCRIBED HIS PROGRAM IN
PUBLIC STATEMENT AS BEING SAME AS THAT DEFINED BY
REFERENDUM OF OCTOBER 1972; EMPHASIS WOULD CONTINUE
TO BE ON FOKONOLONA (VILLAGE COUNCILS), ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN INTEREST OF PEOPLE, AND JUSTICE. MEANS
WILL BE FOUND TO COMBAT INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, HE
SAID. HE WARNED OF DANGERS OF TRIBALISM AND SAID THAT
FOREIGNERS AND INVESTORS HAVE THEIR PLACE HERE IF THEY
CONFORM TO NATIONAL LAWS. OMNIDIRECTIONAL FOREIGN POLICY
WILL CONTINUE, HE CONCLUDED.

4. COMPLETE CABINET LIST AND COMMENTS BY SEPTELS.
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